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definitive decision can be taken. Now, I'm not mentioning specifically what I'm referring to, although Senator Schrock probably has a pretty good idea, but I'm doing it that way just to use it as an example and not to complicate it by going into the specifics of that bill. On the other hand, when we come to LB 916, I need to ask Senator Schrock a question. And some of these things can be asked on this amendment, because it's not too difficult to understand now that I see what it is. Senator Schrock, LB 916 is going to say that one of these waste...what is the term we should use, a waste disposal...a livestock waste disposal facility? Is that the term we'll be using?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, will you yield?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's a good term to use.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So if I said disposal facility, that would be sufficient? Okay. This bill will have language to say that any place where cattle are fed can be such a facility. Is that correct or is that incorrect?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's incorrect.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What does it say with reference to that?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, it has to do with size and the amount of vegetation that is left on a tract of land where cattle are being fed. It does not address open range livestock, and it does not address small producers. Because the requirements of this bill to the producer will be significant, and Senator Wehrbein will tell you that. We are trying to exempt small producers who do not have the potential to discharge or to pollute our environment. And so we're trying to include the large producers, what I would say are...I would call them commercial producers, but to exempt the smaller producers who really don't have a chance of impacting our environment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me see. If I turn to page 5, in line...starting in line 16 we have the following language: "It is the intent of the Legislature that the department register at least one research or demonstration facility for innovative